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SUBJECT: RANK OF DEFENSE ATTACHE IN BELGRADE

1. BECAUSE OF UNFORESEEN EARLY RETIREMENT BELGRADE DEFENSE ATTACHE, COL JOHN KLINGELHOEFER, DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR COMING YEAR WILL BE AIR ATTACHE, LT. COL DAVID RAY. LATTER OFFICER IS ON CURRENT LIST FOR COLONEL, BUT NOT EXPECTED TO BE REACHED FOR ACTUAL PROMOTION UNTIL SOMETIME IN THE FALL.

2. TO PRECLUDE ANY POSSIBILITY THE YUGOSLAVS MIGHT READ SOME UNINTENDED SIGNAL INTO A LOWERING IN RANK OF THE U.S. ATTACHE STAFF, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN US INTEREST IF RAY'S PROMOTION TO COLONEL COULD BE MADE SHORTLY AFTER COL KLINGELHOEFER'S DEPARTURE.

3. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED THIS WITH DOD/DID INSPECTION TEAM JULY 25, AND TEAM LEADER SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THIS STEP TO HIS HEADQUARTERS.

4. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONTACTING APPROPRIATE DOD OFFICES TO INDICATE DEPARTMENT/EMBASSY SUPPORT FOR PROMOTION LT. COL RAY WITH EFFECTIVE DATE ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 74.
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